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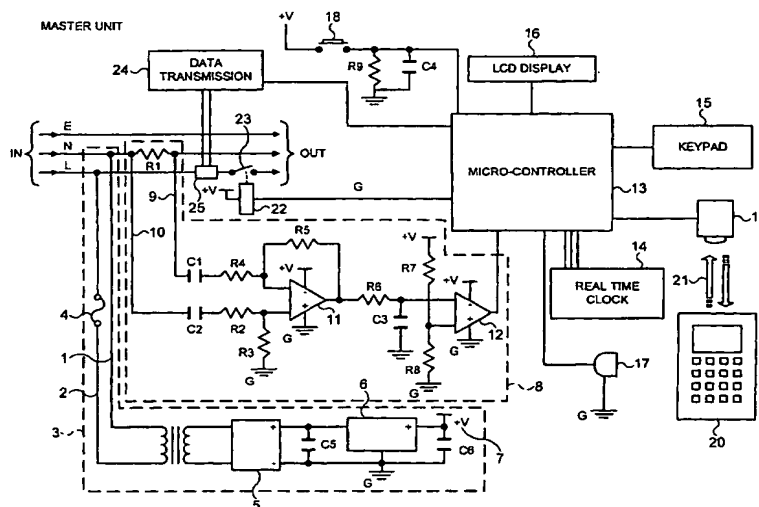
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(54) Title: SUPPLY CURRENT USAGE CONTROL SYSTEM



(57) Abstract: There is disclosed a power supply current usage control system in or for use in a power supply path (E, N, L) for an apparatus. The system comprises: timer control means (13, 14, 15, 16) which may be set to specify a total time duration for which supply of operating current to said apparatus is to be permitted to flow through the supply path; switch means (19, 20) controllable by the timer control means for permitting or interrupting the flow of operating current through the supply path (E, N, L); and current flow detection means (8) for detecting the flow of apparatus operating current and for providing an output to said timer control means indicative of operation of said apparatus to enable determination of the cumulative time of operation of the apparatus.

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